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Tuesday the 18th Day of June 1745, and in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of King
GEORGE the Second of Great Britain, &c.

WHEREAS it hath appeared to this Court, upon hearing the Matter of the Petition of the several Persons, whose Names are thereunto Subscribed, in Behalf of themselves and Divers other Artificers, living within three Miles of the City of London, being Dealers in and Workers of Leather, against the Searchers and Sealers of Leather, at Leadenhall, and their Register, that there hath been great Neglect of the due Execution of the said respective Offices, contrary to the Statute of the First of King JAMES the First, Chapter the Twentieth-second, whereby many Frauds and Abuses are likely to arise in the Working, Buying, and Selling the said Commodity. This Court therefore being desirous, as far as may be, to prevent the same for the Future, and to Cause the said Act, so far as concerns the said Offices, to be duly Observed, doth, as well for the Information of the Dealers and Traders in Leather, as of the Searchers and Sealers thereof, and their Register, Order and Direct, that the Substance of the several Clauses in the aforesaid Act, herein after-mentioned, be forthwith Printed, and fixed up in the Searchers and Sealers Office, in Leadenhall-Market, where such Dealers in Leather, most usually Resort, (that is to say) It is by the Statute Enacted:

First, That no Person shall put to sale any kind of Tanned Leather, red, and un-wrought, but in open Fair, or Market, unless the same have been before lawfully Searched and Sealed, in some open Fair, or Market, or other Place lawfully appointed, for the Searching and Sealing of Leather, nor shall put to Sale, any Tanned Leather, red, and un-wrought, before the same be Searched and Sealed, according to that Statute, upon the Forfeiture of Six Shillings and Eight Pence for every Hide or Piece of Leather so Sold, and the Hide, or Piece of Leather so Sold, or Bought, or the Value thereof.

Second, That the Searchers and Sealers of Leather, to be appointed and sworn, by the LORD-MAYOR, and ALDERMEN of London, for the doing their Office truly, shall view and search all and every Tanned Hide, Skin, or Leather, which shall be brought, as well to the said Market of Leadenhall, as to any other lawful Fair, or Market, within three Miles of the said City, whether it be sufficiently Tanned and Dried, and finding it so, shall Seal the same with their Seal, to be provided and kept by them for that Purpose, as directed by the said Act.

Third, That if any Searcher or Sealer of Leather refuse, with convenient Speed, to Seal any Leather sufficiently Tanned, Wrought, and Used, or to allow that which is Insufficient, he shall forfeit for every such Offence Forty Shillings.

Fourth, That if any Sealer of Leather, shall receive any Bribe, or exact any other Fee, for the Execution of his said Office, than is allowed by the said Act, for the Searching, Sealing, and Registering of Leather, he shall Forfeit for every such Offence Twenty Pounds.

Fifth, That all Red Tanned Leather, which shall be brought into this City, or within three Miles Compass of the same (whether it be Sold, or Bought before-hand or no) shall be brought to Leadenhall, before it be Housed in his, or their own House, and there Viewed whether it hath been Searched or Sealed or no, and shall also be Registered by the said Searchers, with half such Fees as are to be Paid, for such of the said Leather, as shall be bought out of the said City; or three Miles Compass thereof, and shall be Searched, and Sealed, before it be brought into the said City, upon Pain of Forfeiting Six Shillings and Eight Pence for every Housing, or bringing Leather to Leadenhall, as aforesaid, Except, as in the said Act is excepted.

Sixth, That no Tanned Leather shall be Sold within this City, or three Miles distant therefrom, before it hath been Searched and Sealed, by the Searchers and Sealers aforesaid, upon Pain of Forfeiture of all such Leather otherwise Sold, or the Value thereof.

Seventh, That the Searchers and Sealers of Tanned Leather, shall, within their Precincts, keep one Book or Register, wherein they shall Enter all such Bargains as shall be made for Leather, or Hides, or Skins, during the Time of the Fair, or Market, being thereunto required by the Buyer or Seller, and the Prices of such Leather, Bought and Sold, with the Names and Dwelling-Places of the Buyer and Seller, taking for the Searching, Sealing, and Registering of every Ten Hides, Backs, or Butts of Leather, as by the said Act is described, of the Seller Two Pence, and so after that Rate, and no more.

Eighth, That if any Person Sell any manner of Tanned Leather, red and un-wrought, without Registering the same, and every Part or Parcel thereof, and the Price thereof, he shall Forfeit the Value of the said Leather so Sold and not Registered, as aforesaid.

Ninth, That it shall not be lawful for any Person to Buy any Tanned Leather, before it be Searched and Sealed, or to carry any Leather out of the Fair, or Market, until it be Registered, upon Pain to Forfeit the said Leather, or the Value thereof, so Bought, and not Searched and Sealed, and carried away, and not Registered as aforesaid.

Tenth, It is enacted, that all the said Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, shall be divided into three equal Parts, one whereof to go to the King, one other to him that shall first Sue for the same, in any of the King's Courts of Record, by Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information, and the remaining third Part to the said City. And,

Eleventh, The MAYOR of this City for the Time being, within the said City, and three Miles Compass thereof, shall enquire of the Premises, at the Sessions of this City, and Hear and Determine the same, and to examine all Persons suspected to offend against the said Act, or any Part thereof.

And this Court doth strictly enjoin and require the said Searchers, and Sealers of Leather, and their Register, diligently to attend their said respective Offices, and to use their utmost Endeavours to see the said Act so far as concerns them, duly put in Execution.

M A R S H A L L, Mayor.

Tuesday the 9th Day of July, 1745, and in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of King GEORGE the Second of Great Britain, &c.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made in the First Year of King JAMES the First, Chapter the Twentieth-second, this Court is empowered to appoint Annually certain Persons to be Searchers and Sealers of Leather, as therein is mentioned: And whereas, upon hearing the Matter of the Petition of the several Persons, whose Names are thereunto subscribed on Behalf of themselves, and divers other Artificers living within three Miles of the City of London, who are Dealers and Workers of Leather, it appeared, that the said Office hath not been so carefully and diligently attended and executed as it ought to be, upon which Occasion, this Court did, at a Court held the Eighteenth Day of June last direct, that the several Clauses in the said Act, relating as well to the Duty of the said Searchers and Sealers, and their Register, as the Dealers in Leather, should be printed and published, to the End that the said Statute might be duly observed and put in Execution.

That if any Person sell any manner of Tanned Leather, red and ~~un~~wrought, without Registring the same, and every Part or Parcel thereof, and the Price thereof, he shall Forfeit the Value of the said Leather so Sold and not Registred, as aforesaid.

Ninth, That it shall not be lawful for any Person to Buy any Tanned Leather, before it be Searched and Sealed, or to carry any Leather out of the Fair, or Market, until it be Registred, upon Pain to Forfeit the said Leather, or the Value thereof, so Bought, and not Searched and Sealed, and carried away, and not Registred as aforesaid.

Tenth, It is enacted, that all the said Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, shall be divided into three equal Parts, one whereof to go to the King, one other to him that shall first Sue for the same, in any of the King's Courts of Record, by Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information, and the remaining third Part to the said City. And,

Eleventh, The MAYOR of this City for the Time being, within the said City, and three Miles Compass thereof, shall enquire of the Premises, at the Sessions of this City, and Hear and Determine the same, and to examine all Persons suspected to offend against the said Act, or any Part thereof.

And this Court doth strictly enjoin and require the said Searchers, and Sealers of Leather, and their Register, diligently to attend their said respective Offices, and to use their utmost Endeavours to see the said Act so far as concerns them, duly put in Execution.

M A R S H A L L, Mayor.

Tuesday the 9th Day of July, 1745, and in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of King G E O R G E the Second of Great Britain, &c.

W H E R E A S by an Act of Parliament made in the First Year of King J A M E S the First, *Chapter* the Twenty-second, this Court is empowered to appoint Annually certain Persons to be Searchers and Sealers of Leather, as therein is mentioned: And whereas, upon hearing the Matter of the Petition of the several Persons, whose Names are thereunto subscribed on Behalf of themselves, and divers other Artificers living within three Miles of the City of *London*, who are Dealers and Workers of Leather, it appeared, that the said Office hath not been so carefully and diligently attended and executed as it ought to be, upon which Occasion, this Court did, at a Court held the Eighteenth Day of *June* last direct, that the several Clauses in the said Act, relating as well to the Duty of the said Searchers and Sealers, and their Register, as the Dealers in Leather, should be printed and published, to the End that the said Statute might be more duly observed for the future. Now this Court, upon further Consideration of the said Matter, being of Opinion, that the greatest Part of the Evils complained of as aforesaid, have been owing to the Remissness of the said Searchers and Sealers, and their Register, in not attending their said respective Duties, as by the said Statute is required, and being desirous, as far as may be, to prevent the same for the future, doth Order and Direct, that it be forthwith made known to the said Searchers and Sealers, and their Register, that they take care to attend strictly, and regularly, upon the said Offices for the future, and that they use their utmost Endeavours to see all, and singular, the Clauses, Matters, and Things, in the said Order directed, to be printed and published as aforesaid contained, duly and punctually observed and performed, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act, upon Peril of incurring (besides the several Penalties in the said Act mentioned) the Displeasure of this Court for their Neglect therein. And to the End this Court may be the better apprized of their Diligence, or Remissness in the Premises; it is further ordered, that a Book be forthwith prepared and kept by them, or their Register, at their Public Office in *Leadenhall-Market*, in which said Book, it is hereby Ordered and Required, that all, and every of the said Officers do, and shall upon every Market-Day, enter their respective Name and Names, upon his, or their first coming in the Morning to attend the said Office, and the Hour and Time precisely of their so coming, and of the precise Time of Departing from thence, and that they enter their Names respectively, the one under the other, so close to each other, as to prevent any Interlineations.

And to prevent, as far as may be, any false Entries from being made; It is further Ordered, that all, and every of the said Entries, so directed to be made by the said Searchers and Sealers, be attested by their said Register.

F L U D Y E R, Mayor.

Tuesday the 16th Day of February, 1762, and in the Second Year of the Reign of King G E O R G E the Third of Great Britain, &c.

I T is ordered, that the Orders of this Court, of the 18th of *June*, 1745, and the 9th of *July*, 1745, relating to the Duty of the Searchers and Sealers of Leather, and their Register, be forthwith printed and hung up, and duly kept in the Register Office at *Leadenhall*, that a fair Copy thereof be written at the Beginning of every Annual Register Book, and one of the printed Copies delivered to each of the present, and every future Searcher and Sealer of Leather, at the Time of his Admission into the said Office: And it is likewise ordered, that the Eight Searchers and Sealers of Leather, do for the future attend in Person, and discharge their full Duty, so long as they shall remain in their said Office, and that each Searcher do take his Day of Collecting ~~the~~ Due, according to the Order by which they have been declared elected.

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